



Enhancing the News

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What is media literacy?

Media literacy is of growing importance in Australian schools. Curriculum changes have reflected the need to encourage students to critique, analyse and deconstruct the media messages that surround them. EnhanceTV has a range of resources that relate to media literacy including a new feature article: [Deconstruct, decode, analyse and create!](#) Another relevant feature article, [Struggling to find reality](#), looks at reality TV. TV programs that relate include episodes from the educational series, The Text Files, they cover: [Billboards](#), [Comics](#), [Film – Camera and Lighting](#) and [Film – Editing and Sound](#).

Teacher librarians who have been making an impact on media literacy in their school could soon be rewarded for their efforts with a new award sponsored by enhanceTV and the Australian School Library Association, ASLA.

The *National Teacher Librarian Innovation Award for Media Literacy Enhancement* is open to qualified Teacher Librarians who belong to one of the ASLA member associations and whose school is licensed by Screenrights.

The award criteria and entry form can be downloaded from <http://www.asla.org.au/advocacy/award/EnhanceTV.htm>. Entries close on 16 October 2006.

